

afford. These programs provide an invaluable service to the church and its neighbors.

St. Augustine's growth in these past 120 years has been facilitated through the hard work and tireless efforts of seventeen devoted rectors—Rev. Joseph F. Mitchell, Rev. Henry J. Geiger, Rev. E.H. Hamilton, Rev. Byron E. Floyd, Rev. J.T. McDuffie, Rev. Adolphus A. Birch, Rev. J.J. Posey, Rev. Julian F. Dozier, Rev. Charles S. Sedgwick, Rev. Charles H. Dukes, Rev. Theodore R. Gibson, Rev. George E. Harper, Rev. Lloyd M. Alexander, Rev. Robert C.S. Powell, Rev. R. Scott Copeland, Rev. Ralph E. Haines, III, and Rev. Terry D. Edwards.

Mr. Speaker, today the congregation of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church can feel affirmed and celebratory in light of this historic milestone. As a longtime member of St. Augustine's, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to Reverend Terry Davis Edwards and the entire St. Augustine's community. With the church's distinguished history in mind, the congregation may truly take this occasion to feel proud about their past, joyful about their present, and hopeful for their future. I wish St. Augustine's Episcopal Church 120 more years of growth, fellowship, and service.

HONORING THE WASHINGTON INFORMER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Washington Informer Newspaper Co. Inc. for its 53 years of service in the District of Columbia metropolitan area.

The Washington Informer Newspaper Co. Inc. (Washington Informer), a multimedia organization, was founded on October 16, 1964, by Dr. Calvin Rolark, who was assisted by his wife, the late Attorney Wilhelmina Rolark, who served on the Council of the District of Columbia for 16 years representing Ward 8 residents. Both recognized the need to identify and highlight the achievements and contributions of African Americans in the District of Columbia metropolitan area.

The Washington Informer's award-winning newspaper has a tradition of tackling key issues that impact the African American community in the District, including financial literacy, homeownership and sustainability. Since 1994, the paper has been published by Denise Rolark Barnes, Dr. Calvin Rolark's daughter. Today, the Washington Informer has an average of 50,000 weekly readers and more than 7,500 weekly email newsletter subscribers.

The Washington Informer is a member of several associations as well, including the National Newspaper Publishers Association, where Denise Rolark Barnes serves as chair. In addition, the organization sponsors an annual spelling bee for District children in grades three through eight, and an African American Heritage Tour and an annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Peace Walk and Parade. The Washington Informer also provides internship opportunities for high school and college students interested in pursuing careers in jour-

nalism and media through its charitable organization, Washington Informer Charities.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Washington Informer, its founders and its current publisher for their 53 years of service to the District of Columbia metropolitan area and for continuously upholding the Washington Informer's mission, to educate, empower and inform through the production of quality news content that focuses on African Americans and particularly their positive contributions to the communities in which they live and work.

A TRIBUTE TO LAUREN BUFFINGTON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lauren Buffington on being awarded the Golden Apple Award, which recognizes central Iowa teachers who make a difference in the lives of their students.

Lauren teaches middle school science and history at Southeast Polk High School. In only her fourth year of teaching, she has learned how to engage her students in their studies through hands on activities to discover and learn on their own. She also uses life lessons to help prepare them for the difficulties and hardships it can bring. Lauren told WHO TV, who presented the award to her after she was nominated by her students, that she loves teaching middle school because "this is the time they are deciding who they are and who they want to become." She also finds that she learns more about the world everyday through her students.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lauren on this outstanding honor, and look forward to many more years of her molding students in Iowa's Third Congressional District into tomorrow's leaders. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her on receiving the Golden Apple award and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 585 on agreeing to the Amendment, Johnson of Georgia Amendment No. 3, offered to H.R. 469, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye."

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 586 on agreeing to the Amendment, McEachin of Virginia Amendment No. 4, offered to H.R. 469, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye."

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 587 on agreeing to the Amendment, Cartwright of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 6, offered to H.R. 469, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye."

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 588 on passage of H.R. 469, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 30

5 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Authorizations for the Use of Military Force, focusing on Administration perspectives.

SD-419

OCTOBER 31

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on recent Navy collisions at sea.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Raymond Martinez, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Bruce Landsberg, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine new efficiency opportunities provided by advanced building management and control systems.

SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the 2017 hurricane season, focusing on the Federal response.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine exploring Native American subsistence rights and international treaties.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act,